

HCS HBs 2083 & 2144 -- JUDGESHIPS IN CIRCUIT COURTS

SPONSOR: Colona

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 0, with 1 voting present.

This bill specifies that if the circuit court of St. Louis County is awarded additional associate circuit judge positions in 2014 based on the judicial weighted workload model, there must be one additional associate circuit judge position and one additional circuit judge position in lieu of the additional associate circuit judge positions awarded under Section 478.320, RSMo.

If the 38th Judicial Circuit is awarded an additional associate circuit judge position in 2014 based on the judicial weighted workload model, there must be one additional circuit judge position in lieu of the additional associate circuit judge position awarded under Section 478.320. The additional circuit judge position must be in addition to the number of circuit judge and associate judge positions in existence in the 38th Judicial Circuit on the effective date of this provision.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that based on analysis of the weighted workload numbers, they are short a few judges.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Colona; Representative Morris; and Judge Maura McShane.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.